IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.GIRI

FRIDAY, THE 7TH SEPTEMBER 2007 / 16TH BHADRA 1929

WP(C).No. 26132 of 2007(J)

PETITIONER:

KERALA P.W.D. GRADUATE ENGINEERS
ASSOCIATION, REPRESENTED BY ITS GENERAL SECRETARY,
STATE COMMITTEE OFFICE, ROADS DIVISION CAMPUS,
P.M.G. JUNCTION, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY ADV. SRI.P.HARIDAS
SMT.DEEPA G. PAL

RESPONDENTS:

1. STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. PAY REVISION COMMISSION 2005,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

4. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

5. CHIEF ENGINEER,
ADMINISTRATION, P.W.D., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY ADV. SRI. BIJOY CHANDRAN, GOVERNMENT PLEADER

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 07/09/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

V. GIRI , J

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Dated this the 7th day of September, 2007.

JUDGMENT

The petitioner is P.W.D Graduate Engineers Association which represents graduate engineers in Public Works Department. It is contended that prior to 1993 graduate engineers were enjoying pay scales equivalent to M.B.B.S/B.D.S holders in Government service. It is further contended that in Central Government service, Medical and Engineering graduates are treated at par. The allegation is that the the situation is not the same as regards comparable service in the State. It is contended that medical graduates are getting 39.79% and 94.79% increase after 8 and 16 years service, whereas the increment being given to engineering graduates in the Public Works Department is only 7.5% and 16.8%. It is further contended that even in promotion cadres serious anomalies exist. Apparently, such anomalies continued after 5th pay commission as well.

2. Pointing out these anomalies, Exts. P4 and P5 have been submitted by the association before the Government on 07.05.2007 and 16.08.2007. The matter requires the attention of the government. It might also require the constitution of another

committee, technically competent to assess the conditions, to embark upon a comparison of comparable posts, to determine whether there are anomalies and to find out suitable measures to remove such anomalies.

3. I heard learned Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the respondents.

4. The writ petition is disposed of directing the Government to look into Exts. P4 and P5. Appropriate data may be collected from the petitioner-association or from other sources. The respondents will pay their attention to the grievance sought to be highlighted in Ext.P5. The petitioner-association is at liberty to place other relevant materials before the Government. Appropriate action will be taken by the Government within four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

The writ petition is disposed of as above.

V. GIRI, JUDGE.

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